



*REVEREND JOSEPH
LAMARRE MEMORIAL
POST 2197 TOPSHAM,
MAINE*

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

14 June-2026

1. Minutes of Post Membership meeting of June 11, 2026.
2. 18 members were present: Ed Harmon, Dale Brown, Brad Drummond, Joe Obrin, Archie Pelley, Jim Eldridge, Mitchell Mrvichin, Peter Cochrane, Wayne Johnston, Louis Larios, Frank Slinger, Gary Ouellette, John Secone, Roger Stevens, John Kennedy, Al Bourque, Mike LaMarca, Mike Labbe.
3. 12 officers present: Commander, Senior Vice-commander, Junior Vice-commander, Quartermaster, Chaplain, 1yr Trustee, 2yr Trustee, 3yr Trustee, Judge Advocate, Surgeon, Benefits Officer, Adjutant.
4. The meeting opened at 1800 hours.
5. Minutes of May meeting were approved.
 - A motion was made and approved to accept minutes without reading as they were emailed to the post membership prior to the meeting.
6. Financial report given & approved.
 - Total post funds at \$36,318.27
 - Motion made and approved to accept report.
 - Commander brought up that either Eric Cooper or Brad Drummond should have Post E-mail address.
7. Comrades in distress: **N/A**
8. Kitchen: Tentative selections for July
 - 7/3: Hamburgers & Fried haddock sandwich.
 - 7/10: Steak & Fried haddock.
 - 7/17: Lobster rolls & Steak.
 - 7/24: Steak & cheese sandwiches and Fried shrimp.
 - 7/31: Lasagna & Scallops.
 - Motion was made and approved to offer last week to Boy Scouts as we have in the past, so TBD.
 - John Secone will get lobsters, so we can pick them on Thursday, July 16th.
9. Poppies:
 - Saturday May 23rd was our first "Buddy Poppies" at Market Basket.
 - \$2,650.00 was raised during the event. Great job by all who participated!
10. VoD & Patriot's Pen: **N/A**
11. Membership:
 - Membership is 111%, with 128 members, have 2 members to renew by Jun 30th.
 - 2 members are due in June; letters have been sent.
 - 3 members have not renewed their membership; David Houle, Chuck Stanley, & Rafeal Macias.
 - Brad Drummond heard from Chuck Stanley who is out of town but is planning on renewing.
 - Membership review committee had no new application.
 - Roger Stevens, Ed Harmon, Brad Drummond, Gary Ouellette, & Dale Brown have all brought in a new member this year.
12. Unfinished Business:
 - Veteran in need of roof:
 - A motion was made and approved to give the remaining money (\$2,000.00) to the project lead to cover personal expenses to help replace the chimney.
 - Memorial Day Parade:
 - Thank you all who participated. Commander Stevens thanked the post for the Memorial banner for Lin Stevens displayed on the float during the parade.

- Tractor Supply Expo is June 20th:
 - Gary will send out final emails to possible vendors this week. Discussed layout at Tractor Supply.
 - Time will be 0900 to around 1400. ED and Brad will be grilling at the event.
- Commander reminded new officers that the adjutant needs a copy of your DD214.

13. New Business:

- June Newsletter issued.
- Volunteer Hours/Activities:
 - Eric cooper – 43.5hrs & 290mi. Volunteered at food pantry, placing flags on veteran’s graves, and Memorial Day parade.
 - Ed Harmon & team - [9] 856hrs & 4,267mi at V. E. T. S. Inc.
 - John Secone – 3hrs at the Travis Mills Foundation.
 - Louis Larios – 12hrs volunteering for local church, & 1hr mowing for veteran.
 - Frank Slinger – 7.5hrs @ meals on wheels, 3hrs @ people plus, and 150mi.
 - Joe Obrin – 10hrs volunteering at the local fairgrounds.
 - Mike Labbe – 12hrs volunteering for Maine Paws for Veterans.
 - Roger Stevens – 8hrs @ the Veterans resource center.
 - John Kennedy – 48hrs fundraising for American Legion. 240mi.
 - Post 2197 (7) – 14hrs participating in Memorial Day paraded in Topsham. 100mi.
- Transfer of accounts with the credit union, scheduled for June 16th.
 - Eric Cooper will be listed as QM, Roger Stevens and Dale Brown will remain as emergency signers. Al Bourque will be removed.
- Dept. is currently looking for a new SO. Brandon Curtis has resigned & James Ware is retiring later this year.
- Topsham Fair:
 - Motion was made and approved to give \$100.00 for a blanket, for a winning horse at the races.
 - Idea of having a recruiting tent at the fair was brought up by Dale Brown. Not enough support from post so no motion was passed.
- Department Convention:
 - Co Stevens announced that he is now State Commander, JVC Drummond is now State Surgeon, and SVC Harmon remains as District 7 Commander.
 - Post was recognized for most hours of community service, 14k plus hours, and for most years of continuous growth. We received \$100 and certificate for the community service, also a plaque showing our post as, “Post with most continuous growth”, 15yrs and counting!
 - CO also announced his “Special Project” for the year being Maine Paws for Veterans, JVC Drummond is the fund-raising chair with SVC Harmon as the assistant.
- MOLD school August 15th or 16th encouraging all officers to attend.
- District: N/A
- MCVC: Council has suspended meetings for the summer.
- Request for support:
 - MCHP reached out for support but post decided not to help at this time as we just did our “Day of Support” with proceeds going to them.
- JVC Drummond has been talking to Dan McWalters about what it would take to stream our membership meetings.
 - Post liked the idea so JVC Drummond will dig deeper and get back to post.
 - Adjutant will send out an email as well to see what the feedback is.
- A memorial donation was made to Boothbay VETS in honor of Linwood Stevens.

14. Good of the Order:

- Archie Pelley stood up and thanked Joe Obrin and Jim Eldridge for helping him when he fell. They came to the hospital and took care of him and his car.
- Received a TY card from the little league team we sponsored.
- CO Stevens thanked the post for the support they gave to his brother Lin Stevens’ wife and daughter. Post received cards from them both thanking us for the gift card and all-around support. There will be a Celebration of Life for him at the Legion on June 27th @ 1400. Please bring your cover, as there will be a brief ceremony.